



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Marie ROSIER et al.)
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Application No.: 10/090,280) Group Art Unit: 1637
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Filed: March 5, 2002) Examiner: T. STRZELECKA
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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THE HUMAN ABCC12 GENE, VECTORS CONTAINING
SUCH NUCLEIC ACIDS AND USES THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In a Restriction Requirement mailed June 11, 2003, the Examiner required restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121 into twelve Groups, and required Applicants to elect a single Group for examination in this application. In addition, the Examiner required Applicants to elect a single nucleic acid or amino acid sequence. In response, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-8, 10-20 [*sic*, 1-20], 30, and 31, and SEQ ID NO:1, *with* traverse. The response due date has been extended up to **September 11, 2003**, by the attached Petition and fee.

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I. *Grouping of Claims*

Initially, Applicants believe that there is a typographical error in the Restriction Requirement. Specifically, claim 9 is not assigned to any Group. Claim 9 depends from claim 8, which is assigned to Group I. Therefore, in this Response, Applicants are treating claim 9 as a